

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
 (for Noncontinuing, Nonprovisional  
 Applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. STANAWAY 8-2

(65845)

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Sir:

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 under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the  
 nonprovisional, noncontinuing  
 patent application for:

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDER  
 INDEPENDENT PROCESSING OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE  
 NETWORK PROTOCOLS

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 actual inventors is enclosed.
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 (§1.41(a) and §1.53(b)).
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- ( ) A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement is enclosed (where an Assignee seeks  
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- ( ) An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
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( ) Priority of application number       /       filed on                                  in                                  is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.

( ) A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

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